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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HEARING 2/27/13
**HB 6004: AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED AT
COMMUNITY HOSPITALS**

**GOOD MORNING REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON, SENATOR GERRATANA AND
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. I AM REPRESENTATIVE CLAIRE
JANOWSKI FROM THE 56TH DISTRICT OF VERNON & ROCKVILLE.**

**I AM PLEASED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF BILL HB 6004. AN ACT CONCERNING
HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED AT COMMUNITY HOSPITALS. AS AN
INTRODUCER OF THIS BILL, I AM HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING
FUNDING TO HOSPITALS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR
THE UNINSURED. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THIS FUNDING HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO BE
CUT IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL.**

**I BELIEVE THE CUTS WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR HARM TO SMALL COMMUNITY
HOSPITALS LIKE THE ONE IN MY DISTRICT AND UNDERMINE THE IMPORTANT AND
VITAL SERVICES THAT MANY COMMUNITY HOSPITALS PROVIDE FOR THE POOR AND
FAMILIES AT RISK WHO CONTINUE TO USE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR
THEIR HEALTH CARE NEEDS.**

**THE LOSS OF FUNDING WILL ONLY ADD TO THE FINANCIAL INSTABILITY OF LOCAL
COMMUNITY HOSPITALS RESULTING IN JOB LOSSES AND POTENTIAL CLOSURES
ADDING NEGATIVELY TO THE ALREADY FRAGILE LOCAL ECONOMY.**

**I URGE YOUR SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT THIS FUNDING CONTINUES AND THANK
YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.**